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TELEPHONES IN RURAL AREAS
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of public telephones in rural areas of Gujarat are out of order;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to made them functional?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Public telephones in rural areas of Gujarat are working satisfactorily.

(b) As on 3/3/2001, 438 nos. of VPTs are reported faulty due to following:

(i) Battery problem

(ii) Faults in RSUs & BSUs

(iii) Massive Earthquake in Bhuj

(c) The following steps are being taken to keep the VPTs in working order:-

(i) Daily health check of Base Station

(ii) Sample dialing

(iii) Formation of maintenance teams for day to day maintenance

(iv) Opening of repair centre for repair of faulty cards.

(v) Replacement of faulty batteries